TALS-Allotments Policy Issues

Issue #7

Should the allotment system allow non-budgeted portions of mixed funds, or non-budgeted objects of expenditure to be included in the spending plan?

Current Policy

Allotments are not accepted for the non-budgeted portions of mixed funds. Agencies are asked not to submit allotments for non-budgeted objects of expenditure such as depreciation and cost of goods sold. This ensures that the allotment database contains only budgeted components, however it does mean that allotment systems cannot support agency and analyst needs to view a complete financial plan for certain accounts or business entities.

Options

	Alternative 1	**Alternative 2**
Description	Continue to exclude allotments for the non-budgeted components of mixed funds and non-budgeted objects of expenditure.	Allow allotments to be submitted for the non-budgeted components of mixed funds and non-budgeted objects of expenditure. This data would need to be identified as non-budgeted and would be excluded or included on reports as appropriate.
Benefits	-Easier system design.	- Enables user to prepare or monitor the complete financial plan for an account or business entity. - -Enables better alignment between internal agency plans and official allotment plans.
Risks or Consequences	- Encourages some agencies to seek tools outside the allotment system for developing plans so that they can incorporate all relevant elements.	- More complex system design - New approach may create confusion

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Implementation issues		Must be able to exclude non-budgeted data as needed for budget-related monitoring needs.
Critical success factors		

Proposed Approach

Alternative 2: Allow allotments to be submitted for the non-budgeted components of mixed funds and non-budgeted objects of expenditure. This data would need to be identified as non-budgeted and would be excluded or included on reports as appropriate.

Concerns/Comments from Stakeholders